



A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Organized by Taiwan's Ministry of Education and UMAP Taiwan National Secretariat, the UMAP Discovery Camp 2019 in Taiwan was held at Fu Jen Catholic University from 4th August to 17th August 2019.

UMAP Discovery Camp 2019 in Taipei, Taiwan

Theme & Goals

Entitled “Contemporary Taiwan”, the two-week program attracted thirty-six students from Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Canada and Taiwan. The program attempts to achieve two goals: 1) understanding today’s Taiwan from various aspects, including history, society, culture, and economy and 2) cultivating the students’ ability to work in a team composed of people from different cultural backgrounds. The camp activities were designed to achieve these two goals. To allow students to learn more about Taiwan, lectures were arranged to cover an array of topics on Taiwan’s history, society, culture, and economy. With each lecture, a complementary field trip was arranged to show the students what they had learned from the lectures.



Language & Culture Exchange

Throughout the two weeks, students were organized into six groups. To ensure cultural diversity for each group, no students of the same nationality were assigned to the same group. At the end of the program, the six groups of students worked closely with each other to give a presentation on what they had learned throughout the course of the camp.

Friendship

One thing which was never a cause for concern was whether these young people would develop bonds of friendship; this happened naturally as the students learned, lived, and worked together in the two weeks. Towards the end of the program, many students exchanged contact details with each other, and left excited at the possible opportunity of applying for exchange for a semester or two through the UMAP network.

